RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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October 28, 2026

SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Richard Doty
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Dear Mr. Doty:

On October 14, 2026, the District received your requests for records, pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/*et seq*. On October 16, 2026, the District informed you that it was extending the timeline for its response to October 28, 2026. The requests were as follows:

> ***Item 1 — Family Meeting Sign-In Sheets***
> *Sign-in sheets, attendance lists, or registration lists from the WorldStrides family information meetings referenced in the District's School Messenger messages dated May 13, 2025 and May 14, 2026, which stated that families who attended and signed the sign-in sheet would receive an account credit, to the extent such records are in the District's possession, custody, or control, including records held by District employees in connection with their District duties.*
> ***Item 2 — Facility Use for Evening Family Meetings***
> *Facility use requests, building scheduling records, calendar entries, or approvals for the use of the Hauser Junior High School auditorium, or any other District facility, for WorldStrides family information meetings held in May 2025 and May 2026. This item concerns evening meetings for families and is distinct from my prior request concerning the student presentation during Cougar Connections.*
> ***Item 3 — SchoolMessenger Records Before September 2024***
> *SchoolMessenger message records, logs, or exports referencing WorldStrides or a Washington, D.C. trip for the period January 1, 2016 through August 31, 2024. The District's October 5, 2026 production of such materials began in September 2024.*
> ***Item 4 — Current Trip Leader Correspondence***
> *Communications between the District e-mail accounts of Sara Venegas, Rebecca Kos, or Robert Brown and any representative of WorldStrides, Lakeland Tours LLC, WH Blocker Inc., or any affiliated entity, including but not limited to Katherine Tucker (katherinet@worldstrides.com) and any sender or recipient using an @worldstrides.com e-mail address, for the period June 16, 2026 through the date of this request. This period postdates my June 15, 2026 request.*
> ***Item 5 — Staff Disclosures***
> *Any conflict-of-interest, outside-employment, or outside-compensation disclosure filed with the District by any District employee that references WorldStrides, Lakeland Tours*

LLC, WH Blocker Inc., or any affiliated entity, for the period January 1, 2016 through the present.

Item 6 — District-Run Trip Funding
Invoices, purchase orders, or budget records reflecting payment for the Lorado Taft, White Pines, Springfield, and Six Flags trips for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, and the District's current Board policy and any administrative procedure governing the waiver of student fees.

Item 7 — Program Leader Agreements
Any Program Leader, Group Leader, Course Leader, or similar agreement between WorldStrides, Lakeland Tours LLC, WH Blocker Inc., or any affiliated entity and any District employee, including any copy disclosed to, filed with, or otherwise in the possession, custody, or control of the District, for the period January 1, 2016 through the present. This item concerns agreements with individual District employees and is distinct from my prior request for agreements governing the District's own relationship with WorldStrides.

Item 8 — Legal Billing, August 2026 to Present
A complete, itemized copy of all invoices or statements from Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga, LLC to Riverside School District 96 for all matters, without limitation to subject matter, for the period August 1, 2026 through the present.

The District now timely responds to your FOIA request, in accordance with the *Illinois Freedom of Information Act* (5 ILCS 140/1, *et seq.*) as follows:

Request 1: There are no records responsive to your request.

Request 2: Your request is denied as unduly burdensome as responsive records, to the extent they exist, were produced in response to your June 14, 2026, July 13, 2026, and October 8, 2026, FOIA requests.

Request 3: There are no records responsive to your request.

Request 4: See attached responsive records. Please note the responsive records contain redactions of information exempt from production pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(b), "Private information," defined in FOIA Section 2(c-5) to mean "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses."

Request 5: There are no records responsive to your request.

Request 6: See attached responsive records. Please note the responsive records contain redactions of information exempt from production pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(b), "Private information," defined in FOIA Section 2(c-5) to mean "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee

identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses."

Request 7: There are no records responsive to your request.

Request 8: See attached responsive records. Please note the responsive records contain redactions of information exempt from production pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(m) ("[c]ommunications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation"); FOIA Section 7(1)(a) ("Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law"); and FOIA Section 7.5(r) ("Information prohibited from being disclosed by the Illinois School Student Records Act").

The person responsible for the decisions above is the undersigned. You are hereby notified that you have the right to request a review of the decisions above by the Office of the Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted as follows:

Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701
Phone: (877) 299-3642 / Fax: (217) 782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to judicial review of this decision under Section 11 of *FOIA*, 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this correspondence, please let me know.

Sincerely,

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

By: Martha Ryan-Toye
Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye, Superintendent
Freedom of Information Officer